



The Phoenix Messenger

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April 2024

“A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL”

BY SHAWNA DRUMMOND

Dates to Remember

April

- Mar 25-Apr 5 Spring Break
- 08 Classes Resume**
- 08-19 Food Drive
- 08-18 In-line Skating
- 10 Eid-ulfitr
- 13 Vaisakhi
- 14 Sri Lankan New Year
- 14 Bengali New Year
- 15 School Council Meeting
- 16 Inline Skating Family Night
- 19 Fun Lunch & Casual Day**
- THEME: Culture/Heritage**
- 22 Earth Day
- 25 Learning Conferences**
- 26 PD Day—No classes**
- 30 Math-a-thon**

MAY

- 05 National Day of Awareness of Indigenous Women
- 06 Bus Driver Appreciation
- 12 Mother’s Day
- 17 Organizational Day
- No Classes
- 20 Victoria Day
- No School
- 22 Board Meeting
- 27 School Council AGM
- 31 Fun Lunch/Casual Day
- THEME: Student Choice**

VISION

Excellence in student achievement and character development through distinctive teaching and learning.

MISSION

To provide a safe and caring environment where academic excellence, character development, parental involvement and staff leadership are valued and fostered.



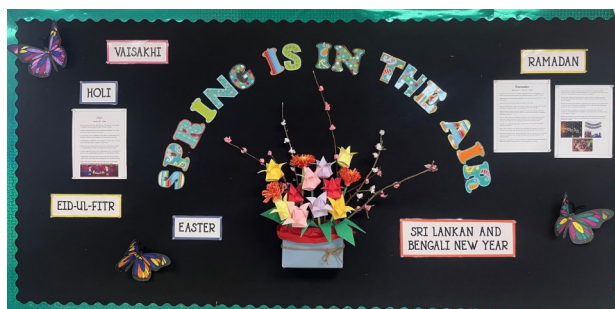
“You have to get along with people, but you also have to recognize that the strength of a team is different people with different perspectives and different personalities.” - Steve Case

For the past four years Mrs. Drummond and I have made it one of our leadership goals to create an environment where all students see themselves as important and valued individuals in our school community. We want them to see people who look like them in the books they read, on the bulletin boards in the hallway, and in the guests we welcome into the school. We want students to teach and learn from one another about the wonderful celebrations each of their cultures acknowledge throughout the year. And we want their families to know we care about our students and what is important to them. As a school community we will recognize over 35 cultural celebrations this year over the announcements, set up more than 20 table displays with decorations and artifacts shared by families, and will gather in June for our second annual Heritage Festival. I am truly grateful for all the families who have shared the significance of these celebrations and given their time to show our students that all cultures are important and that we truly care. As we have learned more about these cultural celebrations, we have noticed more similarities than differences: sharing of food, gifts, and time together; wishes for prosperity and good fortune; being thankful for what we have and the coming of spring and new life.

I would like to share with all of you a big thank you for the culture of care and community you have helped to create at FFCA Northwest Elementary. Thank you for sending such kind, caring, and hard-working kids to school each day. Thank you for the food, gifts, and kind words you share with staff daily. Thank you for your time in volunteering in the school, reading with your children at home, joining us at school events, and saying hello when you drop off or pick up your kids. Thank you for sharing concerns and asking questions to help your child navigate the trials and tribulations of growing up. You have helped to create a caring culture at Northwest Elementary and I will miss that welcoming feeling as I move on to my next adventure. Your children could not be in better hands than those of the staff at our campus and I will miss working with this staff (who I would call friends more than colleagues) a great deal. I look forward to seeing everyone at the **Heritage Fest on June 1st**! More details to come soon 😊

For the rest of the school year, Ms. Sam Lien and Mrs. Christine Thompson will share the role of Acting Associate Principal (while continuing to teach their current classes). They are both excited for this new opportunity and look forward to connecting with more students and their families.

Michelle Newell
Associate Principal



Fun Lunch & Casual Day

Friday, April 19

Theme: Cultural/Heritage Day

MULTICULTURAL
day



Healthy
Hunger

To register for hot lunches,
please go to www.healthyhunger.ca

Our Learning Wall

Magus H.

Nicholas N.

Chizaram O.

Farris R.

Ethan T.

Gloria H.

Kayal S.

Chloe N.

Imisi O.

Arham G.

Yusuf R.

Evelene C.

Jibrán N.

Aizen D.

Amber H.

Rohan N.

Mohid S.

Abigail Z.

Preya G.

Burkirat K.

Zahra R.



Important Links for parents

Public Board Meeting Schedule

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/about_us/our_board/public_board_meeting_schedule

**Campus: This schedule can be provided in your newsletter, but please check monthly to ensure the date/time/location has not changed. Otherwise, share the link above so parents can look for the most up-to-date info on the website.*

Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/documents_publications/board_meeting_agendas_and_minutes

Uniform information

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/uniform_information

School Calendar

https://www.ffca-calgary.com/important_information/calendar

Please check the calendar throughout the year in case there have been changes

School Council



Don't forget to log your hours?

Please refer to the instructions that have been sent out by your room parent

School Council's Heritage Celebration Committee is very excited to announce that Council will be hosting our campus's second 'Heritage Fest' on **Saturday, June 1st, 2024!** Families, please mark your calendars and watch out for more details coming soon! We are thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate our community's cultural diversity again this year!





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Annual Spring Food Drive
Let's Make a Difference!

Food Drive Collection
April 8-19, 2024

Your generosity can help nourish the lives of those in need. You can assist with the campus-wide Spring Food Drive by sending non-perishables to school. This will go a long way in supporting families and individuals facing food insecurity in our communities. Let's show that when we unite for a common cause, we can create incredible change. Calgary Food Bank will be collecting and distributing all donations

Suggested Items

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Protein
- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta
- Soup
- Cereal

Online Cash Donations:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/99119>



APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ramadan Mar 10 -Apr 9	1	2	3	4	5	6
<h1>Spring Break</h1>						
7	8 Classes Resume  April 8-18	9	10 Eid-ulfitr	11	12	13 Vaisakhi
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21	22  Earth Day April 22	23	24	25  PARENT TEACHER conferences	26  PD Day No School	27
28	29	30  MATH-A-THON				